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FAA FOR MR. PLUMMER

SECDEF FOR ISA AND JCS

BRUSSELS FOR FAA MR. DOWLING

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, SP

SUBJECT: GOS REQUEST FOR FAA CAPABILITY AND COST TO CONDUCT
URGENT EVALUATION OF MADRID CIVIL AIR CONTROL CENTER

REF: MADRID 6704, STATE 219400, JUSMG 021355

1. CHIEF JUSMG PRESENTED FAA PROPOSAL TO GENERAL MONTEL CHIEF OF
CIVIL AVIATION AND GENERAL CESTEROS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIRPORTS.
REACTION WAS FAVORABLE DESPITE HIGHER COST THAN EUROCONTROL PROPOSAL
WHICH ALSO INCLUDED LARGER TEAM. WE POINTED OUT ADVANTAGES OF HAVING
SIX FAA SENIOR LEVEL EXPERTS AND FAA KNOWLEDGE OF SPANISH SYSTEM.
WE ALSO STATED THAT IF FAA TEAM DETERMINED ANOTHER TECHNICIAN
WAS REQUIRED FAA WAS PREPARED TO RESPOND. CESTEROS EXPRESSED
CONCERN ABOUT "BURNING BRIDGE" WITH EUROCONTROL WHO MADE STRONG

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OVERTURE TO CONDUCT MADRID CENTER EVALUATION. IT WAS APPARENT

EUROCONTROL TALKS HAD PROGRESSED TO ADVANCE STATE BECAUSE SPANISH PRESUMED FAA COULD NOT BE TOTALLY RESPONSIVE.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY AIR MINISTER MADE DECISION TO SELECT FAA AND CONCURRED WITH MOA AGREEMENT NO. WO-I-149. AIR MINISTER UNABLE TO BRIEF PRESIDENT. IN VIEW OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY WITH EUROCONTROL (FRANCE AND BELGIUM) MINISTER REQUESTED STRICT SECURITY UNTIL DECISION IS ANNOUNCED AT 2100 LOCAL 6 SEPTEMBER. MINISTER ALSO REQUESTED MR. DOWLING DELAY ARRIVAL UNTIL EVENING 6 SEPTEMBER AND MEET WITH GERERALS MONTEL AND CESTEROS AT 0900 7 SEPTEMBER. OTHER FIVE FAA TECHNICIANS TO ARRIVE AS SCHEDULED, ON TWA MORNING OF 8 SEPTEMBER.

3. MADRID CIVIL AIR CONTROL ISSUE IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE POLITICAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS MATTER. REQUEST STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY UNTIL DECISION IS ANNOUNCED.

4. GOS APPRECIATES RAPID FAA AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE.

5. HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR MR. DOWLING ARRANGED. HE WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL BY LT. COLONEL RODRIGUEZ JUSMG. REQUEST ARRIVAL TIME MADRID.
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